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Public Service

Acceptance of medical certificates by the Assistant Medical Officer.

*1681 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: With reference to the answer given to clause (c) of my question No. 1373 at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 24th January 1928, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, whether the Government will consider the desirability of partially modifying G.O. No. 1100, Public, dated 12th November 1925, so as to make acceptable certificates of physical fitness granted by the Assistant Medical Officer during the absence of the District Medical Officer from the station?

A.—The Government have done so; and have come to the conclusion that such a proviso would give rise to greater difficulties than the one it is designed to meet.

Civil Justice

Daily allowances to jurors and assessors.

*1682 Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he had received representations stating that the daily batta allowed to the jurors and assessors in the mufassal is too low;

(b) whether in the general post-war increase of salaries, allowances, etc., the allowances paid to jurors and assessors were untouched; and

(c) whether Government propose to double the rate of their daily batta?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.
(c) No.

Criminal Justice

Issue of orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, on citizens of Madras propagating the boycott of the Simon Commission.

*1683 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras, has issued orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, restraining 21 citizens of Madras including a number of members of this hon. House from publishing among other matters leaflets or posters or pamphlets regarding the boycott of the Simon Commission and the programme intended to carry out that programme;

(b) whether the order of the Chief Presidency Magistrate is intended to be in operation for one month from the date of issue, and if so, the date of commencement and the expiry of the order;

(c) what the dates are between which the Simon Commission is expected to stay in this Presidency during the months of February and March 1928; and

(d) whether any such notice under section 144 or any other section has been served on any of the gentlemen pursuing an anti-boycott policy?